(d) and (e) CBSE has recently introduced the concept of formative tests under continuous and comprehensive evaluation system for classes IX and X which involve communication, interaction and other forms of presentation to further improve the communication skills of the students.

Streamlining of deemed universities

2526. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to come out with a blueprint to streamline deemed universities on the basis of Tandon Committee recommendations;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Government has coordinated with the UGC on this issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which blueprint would be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Report of the Committee constituted by the Government to review the status of institutions deemed to be universities is under its active consideration at present.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Establishment of model degree colleges in Gujarat

2527. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a plan for establishment of Model Degree Colleges (MDCs) in the identified educationally backward districts of Gujarat;

(b) whether the required funds have been granted by the Central Government for establishment of MDCs in the identified backward districts in Gujarat; and

(c) if so, the time by when MDCs will be established in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) During the XI Plan, a new scheme has been envisaged to establish a model degree college with Central-State funding in each of the 374 identified higher educationally backward districts in the country including in each of the 20 such districts in the State of Gujarat, where the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education is less than the national GER. The scheme is yet to be finalised.